

# 15<sup>th</sup>

DISTRICT

ALDERMAN

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## Dear Neighbor:

It is my distinct honor to serve you as your Alderman at City Hall, and to help make sure city services are provided at the highest level possible for you and your neighbors. It is also my goal to keep communication open with you. My office can be contacted at (414)286-3771, and my full contact information can be found below. As always, I will continue to work diligently to educate and inform constituents about key City government issues, including what lies ahead concerning future city budgets.

I have the honor of being chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, vice chair of the Public Works Committee and a member of the Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee, and the Steering and Rules Committee.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and please do reach out to me if you have questions or concerns about 15th District matters or city-wide issues. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II



## City of Milwaukee Job Openings

Want to see what city job opportunities are available right now? You can go online and see available jobs – note that applications must be completed via [city.milwaukee.gov/jobs](http://city.milwaukee.gov/jobs) (the online employment center). Select a job title to view the current salary, essential functions of the position, minimum education and experience requirements, application deadline – then apply!

## Committee Assignments

### Chair

- Community and Economic Development Committee

### Vice-Chair

- Public Works Committee

### Member

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee

### View meetings online:

[milwaukee.gov/citychannel](http://milwaukee.gov/citychannel)

## Get 15th District, City News & Info Via E-Notify!

Want to know when important things happen in the 15th Aldermanic District and the city? Sign up to receive email notifications from Alderman Stamper and other city agencies on the city's **E-Notify** system. A valid email address is all that you need to get started.

Go to [milwaukee.gov/News-Events/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/News-Events/enotify) and sign up for E-Notify (this only takes a minute), then you can sign-in and check the **15th District News category** and any other categories or topics you'd like to be informed about. Once you choose your topics, just sit back and wait for the pertinent information to come directly to you!

With E-Notify you can receive many different types of notices from the City of Milwaukee - including news releases, announcements, meeting notices and agendas, job announcements, City Channel programming, bid notices and many others.



## Homes MKE: Renovating Vacant Homes & Returning Them to Productive Use

In 2021, the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee allocated \$15 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the Department of City Development (DCD) for the Homes MKE Program to renovate vacant houses in the City's inventory of tax-foreclosed residential properties and return them to productive use.

### Key Goals of Home MKE:

- ▶ Sell, renovate and reoccupy up to 150 vacant foreclosed City owned houses.
- ▶ Prioritize the development of the houses to provide home ownership opportunities for City residents.
- ▶ Coordinate redevelopment efforts in a manner that results in a positive impact for the surrounding neighborhood.
- ▶ Provide construction and job opportunities.
- ▶ Provide development opportunities for emerging developers.
- ▶ Collaborate with local residents to provide housing and resource opportunities in neighborhoods where program properties are located.

Builders have begun renovations at multiple vacant City-owned properties throughout Milwaukee. **Text, "Homes MKE" to (414) 708-1182 to start your homeowner-ship journey today! ▀**

## Council Approves Amendment to Help Fund HACM Maintenance

On November 3, the Common Council approved an amendment as part of the adopted 2024 city budget that will provide \$250,000 in funding for addressing maintenance issues at Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) facilities.

The amendment, sponsored by **Alderman Stamper** in partnership with **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, creates a **Housing Authority Maintenance Fund Special Purpose Account** with \$250,000 in funding to provide an infusion of resources to enable HACM to accelerate maintenance and repair work, and to make other necessary improvements to HACM properties.

The Aldermen said the Housing Authority Maintenance Fund will be used to improve maintenance at HACM-owned and -managed properties.

"Constituents and neighbors who reside in HACM facilities have been dealing with broken plumbing, broken toilets, mold, vermin infestations, and many other festering problems. This amendment will help address the significant backlog of repair and maintenance issues plaguing HACM properties, especially older senior high rise buildings where persons who tend to be older and with physical disabilities reside," Alderman Stamper said. ▀

## Pathfinders Working to Make a Positive Impact in MKE!

For 50-plus years, Pathfinders has provided some of the most comprehensive services in Milwaukee for young people ages 11 to 25 who are experiencing homelessness, housing instability, sexual exploitation, crisis and trauma. Pathfinders' programs ensure young people's immediate safety and stability through shelter, housing and other basic needs.

Then, they work alongside youth on employment, education, mental wellness and other goals – all while empowering them to know they are deeply valued.

Pathfinders provides many resources for young people: emergency shelter, housing support, violence prevention and safety planning, mental health support, meals, hygiene items, clothing, laundry facilities, referrals and more. ▀

**To donate or if you or someone you know needs resources:**

**PathfindersMKE.org**

## Common Council Votes to Reauthorize Anti-Displacement Housing Policy

On October 31 the Common Council voted to approve a three-year reauthorization of the **Anti-Displacement Neighborhood Preference Policy** to be applied to eligible affordable and mixed-income housing developments receiving financial assistance from the City of Milwaukee.

The resolution – Council file #230878 – authored by Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and co-sponsored by Alderman Stamper, ensures that the policy will continue to be applied in neighborhoods identified as being at risk of displacement, with the goals of preserving choice for existing neighborhood residents and prioritizing equity for historically disadvantaged groups. The move ensures the policy will be applied through December 31, 2026.

At the request of the Council (and driven by Alderwoman Coggs and Alderman Stamper), the Department of City Development (DCD) developed an Anti-Displacement Plan for Neighborhoods Surrounding Downtown Milwaukee and presented that Plan to the Common Council during March 2018.

The Plan recommended developing a companion Anti-Displacement Neighborhood Preference Policy that would provide a limited preference for existing low-income neighborhood residents to assist them in accessing newly created affordable housing units in City of Milwaukee developments receiving city assistance in their neighborhoods.

Council file #190401, adopted on July 30, 2019, created the Preference Policy and authorized its utilization in conjunction with affordable and mixed-income housing developments receiving financial assistance from the City. The Preference Policy was reauthorized through December 31, 2023 via Council file #211079 and designates 20 percent of the affordable housing units receiving city assistance within a development to be prioritized for existing residents of the zip code where the development is located within the eligible zip codes of 53204, 53208, 53212, and 53233.

The Preference Policy has been applied to a number of recent developments that have received City financial assistance and are currently in the construction or lease-up stages and notes that DCD anticipates that a number of additional eligible projects in Preference Policy zip codes will advance in the near future.

“The Preference Policy has proven to be a greatly beneficial tool as we work to help long-time residents avoid displacement and remain and thrive in their neighborhoods. I want to thank my colleagues for their support as we continue to work collaboratively to fight for residents so they can remain in the neighborhoods they helped to shape,” Alderman Stamper said.

Other co-sponsors of file #230878 are Council members José G. Pérez, Michael J. Murphy, Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, JoCasta Zamarripa, Mark Chambers, Jr., and Larresa Taylor. ■



## What is Growing MKE?

The Department of City Development (DCD) is leading an effort called Growing MKE – a citywide planning effort that will set a framework for housing growth and choice in Milwaukee. The project will result in a proposed amendment to the Citywide Policy Plan and updates to the City’s Zoning Code.

Growing MKE will advance the goals and recommendations from several recent City of Milwaukee planning efforts. These plans were shaped through stakeholder and resident input and include recommendations to increase housing supply within the city of Milwaukee. Goals also include supporting new housing that creates walkable urban neighborhoods, increasing transit options and access to jobs, and providing more quality, affordable housing choices for all Milwaukeeans. This project will also advance the Mayor’s vision for economic prosperity, which includes updating the City’s Zoning Code to support new development and growth. ■

**Complete the survey:**

[engage.milwaukee.gov/growingmke](https://engage.milwaukee.gov/growingmke)



## Council Approves Major Street Lighting Upgrade Using LED Lights

Alderman Stamper voted in favor of a budget proposal to use \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to upgrade the city's street lighting system using energy-efficient LED lighting.

The upgrade's benefits include:

- **Increased light:** Even at their reduced wattage, LEDs cast slightly more light than the lighting technologies that they will be replacing. This can have positive impacts on public safety and transportation safety, and is consistent with the City's Vision Zero commitment.
- **Decreased carbon emissions:** Consistent with the recently-adopted Climate and Equity Plan, an accelerated LED implementation would reduce carbon emissions. Actual emission reductions are dependent on the power generation source, but LED fixtures use only 50% to 60% of the electricity of an equivalent existing fixture.
- **Energy cost savings:** At least \$750,000 annually is expected to be saved when the upgrade to LEDs is complete, and this accelerated investment will allow for those savings to be captured earlier.
- **Reduce single-lamp outages:** The City currently has a five-year backlog of lights that have reached the end of their life and have gone dark. Accelerating the LED fixture upgrade effort will reduce that backlog by 60% or more.
- **Longer-life street lights:** LEDs last approximately twice as long as previous street lighting technology, reducing future maintenance needs.

**TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE,** please call (414) 286-CITY (2489).

## Parking Permit Changes Create Better Flexibility

The City of Milwaukee has recently made improvements in its parking permit system including more flexibility for the length of time being purchased, additional opportunities to buy permits, and reminder notifications prior to permit expiration.

Customers now have the option to purchase monthly, weekly, and daily parking permits. Previously, those seeking a parking permit only had the option to purchase either an annual or 4-month (trimester) permit, and after purchase the permit was only applicable for the remainder of the trimester or annual permit period.

The new monthly, weekly, and daily permits are now available for prices of \$10, \$5, and \$1 respectively, in addition to the 4-month and annual permits that remain as options for purchase.

Parking permit purchasing has long been available online at [milwaukee.gov/parkingpermits](https://milwaukee.gov/parkingpermits) and at in-person kiosks in all Milwaukee Police District Stations and at all Milwaukee Violations Bureau locations. Additional kiosks are now available in the City Hall rotunda building at 200 E. Wells St. and at the Zeidler Municipal Building at 841 N. Broadway (Market Street entrance). ▀



## Atlas OneApp: Technology to Help Keep Students Safe!

The MPD has partnered with Atlas One, a school safety smartphone app that will help keep Milwaukee students safe. The free iOS and Android application will notify students of public safety incidents that occur within close proximity to their schools, and provide students with the ability to notify the MPD of suspicious activity.

The app allows MPD to send push notification alerts when a public safety issue occurs near a school. Alerts are interactive, and can include text, photos, videos, documents, and even voice recordings. In addition, students will be equipped with the ability to submit real-time tips about suspicious activity to MPD and begin an anonymous two-way text conversation with an MPD officer. ▀





## Looking To Have a Speed Hump Considered for Your Street?

In the City of Milwaukee there is a cost associated with the construction of a speed hump based on the frontage of your property. Assessment price will vary, and this assessment can be paid in full or over multiple years. To begin the process, please email [Dameon.Ellzey@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Dameon.Ellzey@milwaukee.gov) or call (414) 286-3771 to enter the request.

Our office will then send your request to the Department of Public Works (DPW) and DPW will mail or email you a petition form. Once you have the petition, you must attempt to get signatures from 50 percent of residents on the block. We ask this to ensure residents on the block are aware of the project, hopefully are supportive, and understand its potential cost. Once the petition is complete, you can mail it or email it back to the DPW contact information listed on the petition.

The City then calculates the cost and sends it to property owners, along with an index card to be mailed back to our office indicating support or opposition to the project. Ald. Stamper will make a recommendation on a speed hump project based on the response from residents on the block. If we don't hear from you, we assume you are supportive or indifferent to the project and will count you in support. ▀

## Seeing litter that is out-of-control outside a business or a residence?

YOU CAN report problem litter at a home or business. Scan the QR code for a printable brochure and call our office at (414) 286-3771.



## Alert Neighbor Program Accepting New Applications!

Alderman Stamper and Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs recently announced the re-launch of the expanded Alert Neighbor Program, an effort that emphasizes community involvement in addressing crime and safety concerns in Milwaukee neighborhoods.

The program, created by Alderwoman Coggs and Alderman Stamper, is an initiative that aims to reduce crime and improve safety in Milwaukee with a block-by-block approach by promoting collaboration among residents, city officials, and other partners. The program will provide funding for safety improvements such as cameras, lighting, and signage to neighborhoods that have organized groups of residents committed to addressing crime and safety issues in their area.

Neighborhoods will be selected based on factors such as the presence of active neighborhood block watches or groups, and crime rates in the area. The application process is simple, and the requirements include a minimum commitment of eight households and a willingness to contribute \$20 per resident for the safety improvements.

**Applications will be accepted starting Friday, November 10, and submissions are open to residents and block clubs citywide. Applications are due by Monday, December 11.**

The Alert Neighbor Program (also known as the Nosey Neighbor Program) was born out of the idea that safe neighborhoods are ones in which neighbors collaborate amongst themselves and other area partners in a truly community led and driven approach. ▀

### Additional Program Guidelines, Eligibility and Application Instructions:

[milwaukee.gov/ANP](http://milwaukee.gov/ANP)

If you have further questions about the **Alert Neighbor Program**, you can contact the City of Milwaukee at **(414) 286-5626** or email [paruizc@milwaukee.gov](mailto:paruizc@milwaukee.gov)

## Parking Reminder

Depending on snow accumulation totals, parking may be impacted and snow emergency could be initiated. Updates will be posted online and communicated.

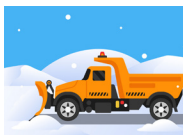
**Please follow posted signs and park as close to the curb as possible to give room for the large salt and plow trucks to pass through streets.** We encourage those that park on the street to sign up for E-notify and text message notifications at [milwaukee.gov/parking](http://milwaukee.gov/parking).

## Garbage/Recycling Collection

Residents should leave their carts at the designated collection point until emptied. Clear snow and ice around and on top of your garbage and recycling carts. Crews will be scheduled for extended hours on Saturday or throughout the next week to catch up collection services as needed. Changes and/or updates will be communicated. Check for updates to your scheduled collection days at [milwaukee.gov/collectionday](http://milwaukee.gov/collectionday).

## Stay Informed About DPW Snow Emergencies

- Sign up for Winter Parking Text Alerts at [milwaukeekeeparkingalerts.com](http://milwaukeekeeparkingalerts.com).
- Follow DPW on Facebook and Twitter – both [@milwaukeekeepw](https://twitter.com/milwaukeekeepw)
- Join Next Door to receive DPW updates (City residents only)
- Check the **DPW website for snow and ice updates** at [milwaukee.gov/snow](http://milwaukee.gov/snow)
- Call (414) 286-CITY for information and assistance



### Snow Plowing Fact

To ensure fairness to neighborhoods, each year DPW switches which part of the route the plows start on for residential streets.

Learn more about DPW snow and ice control at: [milwaukee.gov/dpw/operations/snowoperationstatus](http://milwaukee.gov/dpw/operations/snowoperationstatus)



### Where You Park is Important

Please be mindful and considerate by not blocking carriage-walks/courtesy-walks when parking as that makes it difficult for elderly and/or disabled visitors and homeowners when they are headed from car to home/business.

## WINTER STORMS

### What Can I Do?

#### Prepare Your Home

Make your home winter ready. Buy needed supplies before the storm arrives. Have a plan in case you lose power or are unable to leave your home.



#### Monitor Your Forecast

Stay up to date with the latest forecast information as the storm approaches, monitor your favorite source for weather information.



#### Prepare Your Vehicle

Make your vehicle weather ready. Be sure to include a safety kit, cold weather gear, and all the necessities you may need to deal with the storm ahead.



#### Have A Plan

Before weather threatens, be sure to have a communications plan, change travel plans, and prepare for the impacts to your routine.



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[www.weather.gov/winter](http://www.weather.gov/winter)

### Ways You Can Help During a Snow Operation:

- ▶ Only travel if absolutely necessary.
- ▶ Adjust driving for conditions by slowing down and providing more space for braking.
- ▶ Give salt and plow trucks space and stay back from the trucks salting or brining streets to ensure the product hits the streets instead of your car.
- ▶ Please be patient and understanding, snow and ice operations take time, all streets will be cleared. Drive carefully and plan your route to stay on main transportation routes as much as possible during snow and ice events.
- ▶ Park legally and follow alternate side parking rules. We do a better job when parking rules are followed. Parking farther away from driveways, alleys and intersections allows our equipment to get through.
- ▶ Do not shovel, blow or plow snow back into the streets.
- ▶ Shovel your snow.
- ▶ Shovel your sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling, assist neighbors who are elderly or disabled.
- ▶ Clear your fire hydrant of snow and ice.
- ▶ Clear snow and ice around and on top of your garbage and recycling carts.







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On July 31, the Common Council formally approved the honorary street renaming "Sheriff Richard E. Artison Street" to N. 9th St. from W. Highland Ave. to W. Wisconsin Ave. The legislation making the renaming official was sponsored by Alderman Robert Bauman and co-sponsored by Alderman Stamper. "It was an honor to have Sheriff Artison at City Hall in person for this important action and honor by the Council. Sheriff Artison was a trailblazing African American elected official and leader, and it was my pleasure to be a part of this special moment," Alderman Stamper said.



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## WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS



**No parking on through highways and bus routes.**

<b>December 1 – March 1</b>	<b>2AM – 6AM</b>
<b>Snow Emergencies</b>	<b>10PM – 6AM</b>

**During a Snow Emergency alternate-side parking required from 10pm–6am, unless otherwise posted.**

**Vehicle must be legally parked and in compliance with posted signs.**



LEARN MORE & SIGN UP FOR WINTER PARKING TEXT ALERTS: [MILWAUKEE.GOV/PARKING](http://MILWAUKEE.GOV/PARKING)

## MKE Mobile Action

Request services, file reports, and follow up from your mobile device.

Residents can use MKE Mobile Action to locate, photograph, and provide supporting information to ensure speedy resolution of issues.

*Examples of issues that can be reported include: abandoned vehicles, graffiti, litter, potholes, and more.*

Available on Android & iOS  
**DOWNLOAD NOW**

